North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 576-2220

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR

RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT)

FOR

The City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency Storm Water Discharges From Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0025054 ID NO. 1B96074SSON

Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), proposes to renew waste discharge requirements for the City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit program). The requirements will also serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for a period of five years.

A public meeting to consider comments and objections to the proposed order will occur on June 26, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will he held in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California.

Interested persons should submit to the Regional Water Board office at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California, 95403, written copies of all technical reports, testimony, and other evidentiary material concerning this issue by 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2003. This written material will be submitted to the Regional Water Board members and all interested persons along with the full agenda materials.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice a party. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 648.1 and 648.4.).

All interested persons may speak at the hearing for this item. The time constraints for oral testimony or comments will be set by Regional Water Board Chair and usually allow no more than 10 minutes for each party and three minutes for other interested persons. A timer may be

used and speakers are expected to honor the time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson and not be repetitive.

Persons submitting written testimony and documentary evidence should be present at the hearing and available for cross-examination. Testimony at the above-scheduled hearing should be limited to a summary of the above-described written evidence and testimony, provided however, that upon a proper showing that evidence is available which was not available at the time the written testimony was submitted, the Board may allow further submission of oral or written testimony. If this showing is not made, the Board may refuse to accept such further oral or written testimony.

The tentative Order, related documents and comments received are on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office on Mondays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Appointments are recommended for file review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. The tentative Order and related documents are also available for review on the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb1.

Susan A. Warner Executive Officer

May 2, 2003